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Outcomes and Indicators

Outcome: The ultimate goal or objective. *Example: Increase Income and Reduce Poverty.*

Indicator: The item that is measured to show progress toward achieving the vision of the Countywide Planning Policies. *Example: Percentage of population below the poverty level.*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Outcomes	Indicators
PROMOTE FAMILY-WAGE JOBS	1. Real wages per worker.
INCREASE INCOME AND REDUCE POVERTY	2. Personal and median household income: King County compared to the United States.
	3. Percentage of population below the poverty level.
INCREASE BUSINESS FORMATION, EXPANSION AND RETENTION	4. New businesses created.
	5. New jobs created by employment sector.
CREATE JOBS THAT ADD TO KING COUNTY'S ECONOMIC BASE	6. Employment in industries that export from the region.
INCREASE EDUCATIONAL SKILL LEVELS	7. Educational background of adult population.
	8. High school graduation rate.

ENVIRONMENT

Outcomes	Indicators
PROTECT AND ENHANCE NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS	9. Land cover changes in urban and rural areas over time.
IMPROVE AIR QUALITY	10. Air quality.
	11. Energy consumption.
	12. Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per year.
PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY	13. Surface water and groundwater quality.
	14. Water consumption.
	15. Change in groundwater levels. *
PROTECT WETLANDS	16. Change in wetland acreage and functions.
PROTECT THE DIVERSITY OF PLANTS AND WILDLIFE	17. Continuity of terrestrial and aquatic habitat networks. *
INCREASE SALMON STOCK	18. Change in number of salmon.
DECREASE NOISE LEVELS	19. Rate of increase in noise from vehicles, planes and yard equipment.
DECREASE WASTE DISPOSAL AND INCREASE RECYCLING	20. Pounds of waste disposed and recycled per capita.

Indicators for which no data currently exists.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Outcomes

PROVIDE SUFFICIENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL KING COUNTY RESIDENTS

PROMOTE AFFORDABLE HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROMOTE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF AFFORDABLE LOW-INCOME HOUSING THROUGHOUT KING COUNTY

Indicators

21. Supply and demand for affordable housing
22. Percent of income paid for housing.
23. Homelessness.
26. Apartment vacancy rate.
24. Home purchase affordability gap for buyers with (a) median renter household income and (b) median household income.
25. Home ownership rate.
27. Trend of housing costs vs. income
28. Public dollars spent for low income housing.
29. Housing units affordable to low income households.

LAND USE

Outcomes

ENCOURAGE A GREATER SHARE OF GROWTH IN URBAN AREAS AND URBAN CENTERS; LIMIT GROWTH IN RURAL/RESOURCE AREAS

MAKE EFFICIENT USE OF URBAN LAND

ACCOMMODATE RESIDENTIAL AND JOB GROWTH IN URBAN AREAS

ENCOURAGE LIVABLE, DIVERSE COMMUNITIES BALANCE JOB AND HOUSEHOLD GROWTH

MAINTAIN QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS

Indicators

30. New housing units in Urban Areas and Rural/Resource areas, and in Urban Centers.
31. Employment in Urban Areas, Rural/Resource Areas, Urban Centers and Manufacturing/Industrial Centers.
32. New housing units built through redevelopment.
33. Ratio of land consumption to population growth.
34. Ratio of achieved density to allowed density of residential development.
35. Ratio of land capacity to 20 year household and job targets.
36. Land with 6 years of infrastructure capacity. *
37. Acres of urban parks and open space.
38. Ratio of jobs to housing in Central Puget Sound Counties, and King County sub-regions.
39. Acres in forest land and farm land.
40. Number and average size of farms.

TRANSPORTATION

Outcomes	Indicators
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE LINKAGE	41. Percent of residents who commute one-way within 30 minutes.
AVAILABILITY OF MODES OTHER THAN SINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE	42. Transit trips per person.
MODE SPLIT	43. Percent of residents who walk or use transit, bicycles or carpools as alternatives to the single occupant vehicle.
REDUCE COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC CONGESTION	44. Ability of goods and services to move efficiently and cost effectively through the region.
PROTECT AND IMPROVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE	45. Number of lane miles of city, county, and state roads and bridges in need of repair and preservation.